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Statement

EL PASO, Texas – Although the State of New Mexico recently passed a law that allows the recreational use of marijuana, the U.S. Border Patrol El Paso Sector wants to remind the public that while traveling through any U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint, to include New Mexico, being in possession of marijuana is illegal under federal law.

Our checkpoints are primarily for immigration enforcement, however under Title 21 of the U.S. Code., Border Patrol Agents have drug enforcement authority. Marijuana is still a prohibited drug under Schedule 1 of The United States Controlled Substances Act. Therefore, U.S. Border Patrol agents will continue to take appropriate enforcement action against those who are encountered in possession of marijuana anywhere in the United States.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection welcomes assistance from the community and encourages citizens to report suspicious activity to the U.S. Border Patrol while remaining anonymous by calling 1-800-635-2509.

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